

## EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

175TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE  
TOWN OF RUSSELLVILLE, MO

**HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the 175th Anniversary of the town of Russellville, MO. The town of Russellville, MO traces its roots back to May 3, 1838 when Richard Morris, Buckner W. Russell, and Benjamin P. Griffen had the land surveyed. The town was later named in honor of Buckner W. Russell.

The first settlers arrived in the area around 1830 and found a plentiful supply of large oak trees, wild game, and fertile farm land. The town grew steadily thanks to the hard work of its founding families. Businesses were added and additional settlers made it their home. It later became a stop on the Missouri Pacific Railroad.

The town has several churches that were established early in its history. The first were Catholic, Methodist, and Presbyterian. It now includes churches representing the Assembly of God, Baptist, and Lutheran denominations. The first Sunday School was organized in 1858 by James Banister.

As early as 1895, Russellville had the only weekly newspaper in Cole County, the Russellville Rustler, edited by Gutman Wilson. The community found music to be an important part of entertainment. A music club was organized in 1906 at the home of Mrs. L.L. Sullins. The club studied the history of music, prepared programs for their meetings, and gave several public performances.

Today Russellville continues to be a small, but strong rural community, home to new residents as well as descendants of some of the original settlers. The town is home to a great school system, local businesses, and an important agriculture industry.

HONORING DR. WILLIAM M.  
NOVICK

**HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.**

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Mr. DUNCAN of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I wish today to honor one of the most distinguished men in my home state of Tennessee.

Dr. William M. Novick has helped many, many thousands of children all over the world in more than 30 countries. He is someone for whom I have the greatest respect.

Dr. Novick currently serves as the Paul Nemir Endowed Chair of International Child Health, Department of Surgery at the University of Tennessee. I cannot think of a more capable or distinguished person to have in this role.

During the past 20 years, Dr. Novick has performed more than 6,000 pediatric heart

surgeries on the world's poor. Last year alone, he performed more pediatric heart surgeries than the Mayo Clinic.

This year, he has devoted his time and talents toward the Caribbean, performing more than 100 surgeries on Dominican and Haitian children.

Dr. Novick is currently taking more than 400 cases per year in Iraq, Libya, Egypt, and the Middle East, and he has even operated on children of Chernobyl.

Mr. Speaker, Dr. William M. Novick is an example of American grace and generosity all over the world. It is fitting he has found a place at the University of Tennessee, home of the Volunteers.

I call his accomplishments as the Paul Nemir Endowed Chair of International Child Health, Department of Surgery at the University of Tennessee to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD. I hope to see Dr. Novick's work continue for many years to come.

J. WALTER CAMERON CENTER

**HON. TULSI GABBARD**

OF HAWAII

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, on April 23, 1973, the J. Walter Cameron Center opened its doors in Wailuku, Hawai'i, with a mission to assist people with special needs by providing a home for Maui's social service agencies. Since then, more than 120,000 Mauians, and their families, have found hope, help, and healing.

The Cameron Center is the vision of two remarkable men, J. Walter Cameron and Douglas Sodemani, who saw that an innovative public-private partnership could serve Maui's people with one of the nation's first multi-tenant social service centers. A designated 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, the center is governed by a volunteer, community-based Board of Directors and operated by a dedicated and hard-working staff.

The Cameron Center is the home to sixteen Resident Social Service Agencies including: American Cancer Society; ARC of Maui County; Best Buddies International; Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Hawaii; Fun Day Foundation; Heritage Hall, Inc.; Hui No Ke Ola Pono, Inc.; Imua Family Services; Ka Lima O Maui; Maui Chamber of Commerce; Maui Community Mental Health; Maui County Office on Aging; Mediation Services of Maui; Mental Health Association of America; MEO K'hi Kamali'i; and the Pacific Cancer Foundation. Together, these agencies—through meetings, workshops, training sessions and other community events—serve more than 40,000 people annually.

The Cameron Center has also kept pace with changing times with its "Going Green" Program. Through the installation of a photovoltaic electricity system and energy efficient

mechanical systems, appliances and lighting, it has been able to save \$42,000 in energy costs each year while significantly reducing environmental impacts.

Congratulations to the J. Walter Cameron Center, its board, staff and volunteers for a job well done in serving those in need for two generations. The Center will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on Saturday, June 8, 2013, at the Yokouchi estate in Wailuku.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. FRANK R. WOLF**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, June 5, 2013

Mr. WOLF. Mr. Speaker, yesterday I was unavoidably detained due to a long-standing commitment and missed rollcall vote 192, on consideration of a motion to recommit with instructions for H.R. 2216, and rollcall vote 193, on passage of H.R. 2216, the Military Construction, Department of Veterans Affairs and Other Related Agencies Appropriations Bill for Fiscal Year 2014. Had I been present, I would have voted "no" on rollcall 192 and "aye" on rollcall 193.

MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND  
VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RE-  
LATED AGENCIES APPROPRIA-  
TIONS ACT, 2014

SPEECH OF

**HON. RUSH HOLT**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, June 4, 2013

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 2216) making appropriations for military construction, the Department of Veterans Affairs, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, and for other purposes:

Mr. HOLT. Madam Chair, I rise in support of this bill.

I agree with my colleague and our ranking member on the full committee, Rep. LOWEY of New York, that this bill will help us do all we can to help bring down the disability claims backlog, which unfortunately is at record levels. I am also very grateful to the committee for including an additional \$20 million dollars for suicide prevention and outreach services for our veterans—the third such year I've made such a request. I also noted with satisfaction the committee's inclusion of language directing the VA to work far more closely with community-based organizations that have successful programs to prevent suicides. Indeed, the most successful of these programs in the nation is the Vets4Warriors program at the University of Medicine and Dentistry in New Jersey. My late friend, Senator Lautenberg, worked closely with me to support this program and bring it to the attention of senior VA

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